

One of the Reasons Why Delicate People Live Long Is that They Learn by Early Experience Not to Impose Upon Their Digestive Organs

ATTORNEY JOSEPH A. SHAY QUITS BECKER CASE

Too Much Interference By Police Lieutenant's Brother

CROFICI WANTED REVENGE

Whitman Discredits Gunman's Confession Which Implicated Harry Vallon in Rosenthal Murder

New York, April 14.—While District Attorney Whitman was issuing a statement today declaring that he believed the confession made by "Dago Frank" Crofici before he went to the chair would aid rather than hinder the prosecution in the case of former Lieut. Charles Becker, the latter's attorney, Joseph A. Shay, formally resigned as trial counsel.

The district attorney said he believed "Dago Frank's" mental state was such when he made the confession that no faith should be placed in it.

Shay said he resigned as trial counsel for Becker because the latter's brother, Detective Lieutenant John Becker, had insisted on listening to the stories of "an assortment of petty crooks" who wanted to sell alleged information. Shay said he could not prepare the defense of Becker with his brother interfering. In a two-hour conference in his cell in the Tombs today Charles Becker tried to persuade Shay to return to his defense, but was unsuccessful.

Dist. Atty. Whitman discredits that part of the confession of "Dago Frank" Crofici, made before the gunman was put to death in Sing Sing prison yesterday morning, which charged that Harry Vallon, a witness for the State in the trials of the gunmen, was one of the men who fired the shots that killed the gambler, Herman Rosenthal.

"Vallon never fired a revolver in his life," the prosecutor said today. "He hasn't the nerve. The idea that Vallon, a man absolutely without any courage, would brace up and fire at Rosenthal when 'Dago Frank,' a professional gunman, ran away, is incredible. All the gunmen had records and had been convicted at one time or another. It was their business to do that sort of thing, and they were not the men to lose their nerve."

Regarding the statement of "Dago Frank" that he did not know Charles Becker, the police lieutenant whose conviction for the murder was reversed by the State Court of Appeals and who will be tried again probably next month, Mr. Whitman said he had never contended that the confessing gunman was acquainted with Becker. "Becker probably knew two of the gunmen," the district attorney said, "but there is no evidence that he and 'Dago Frank' had met."

Mr. Whitman is said to believe that "Dago Frank" was animated by a spirit of revenge in naming Vallon. "Lefty Louie" Rosenberg and "Gyp the Blood" Horowitz were the other two who "Dago Frank" said shot Rosenthal.

The charge against Vallon, Mr. Whitman pointed out, finds no support in any of the evidence adduced at the trials of Becker and the gunmen; whereas the other parts of the confession are borne out by the statements of the informers, Vallon, Schepps, Webber and others.

'LOAN SHARK'S' AUTO HITS NUN

Sister of Charity Knocked Down by Tolman Car—Child Escapes

Montclair, N. J., April 14.—Sister Mary Eleanor of the Boys' Orphan Home of Kearny was struck this afternoon by an automobile owned by Daniel H. Tolman, the "loan shark," in Bloomfield avenue near the town hall.

The sister of charity who was accompanied by a twelve-year-old girl, Josephine Shepherd, was in front of a garage as the automobile in charge of Tolman's chauffeur, Frederick Schwartz, turned to enter the place. The nun was knocked to the ground. The child escaped.

Chief of Police Harry Gallagher, who witnessed the accident, put the nun into the Tolman automobile. Schwartz drove her to Mount Sinai Hospital. It was found that she had no broken bones, but suffered from shock and probable internal injuries. Schwartz was released on his own recognizance for a hearing before Recorder Yost tomorrow morning.

VICTORY FOR THAW

Writ of Habeas Corpus Granted by Judge Aldrich

Concord, N. H., April 14.—Harry Kendall Thaw's petition for a writ of habeas corpus was granted by Judge Edgar Aldrich of the United States District Court today.

The court said, however, that no order would be issued for the prisoner's discharge from custody until arrangements had been completed to take the case to the United States Supreme Court of appeal.

Thaw's petition for admission to bail the court left undetermined taking the ground that it would be more appropriate for this to be passed upon by the Supreme Court.

The result of the decision is that Thaw's guardianship and condition will be unchanged for the present, but that his petition for a writ of habeas corpus will go to the highest court in the land with a decision of the lower court in his favor.

PREPARING FOR G. A. R.

Chamberlin Post of St. Johnsbury Plans for Encampment

St. Johnsbury, April 14.—Chamberlin Post, Grand Army of the Republic is making preparations for the encampment of the Department of Vermont on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The Sons of Veterans, the Spanish War Veterans and their auxiliaries will hold their annual meetings here at the same time. The Commercial club has a strong committee acting in co-operation with the Grand Army and Relief Corps in preparation.

On their arrival the men of the different bodies will meet at Grand Army Hall and the women at Pythian Hall for registration and the presentation of their credentials. All business meetings of the Grand Army will be held at the Colonial theatre and of the W. R. C. at Pythian Hall.

On Monday evening a reception will be given at the Avenue House in honor of the commander-in-chief, Washington Gardner of Albion, Mich. Mrs. Ida McBride of Indianapolis, national president of the W. R. C., department Commander Thomas Hanson of Bennington and Mrs. Hanson and Mrs. Elta K. Martin of Burlington, department president of the W. R. C.

The encampment on Tuesday evening at the Colonial will be presided over by Arthur F. Stone, a grandson of Governor Erastus Fairbanks of Civil War times, and the speakers will include the department commander of the G. A. R., the department president of the W. R. C., the commander-in-chief of the G. A. R., the State officers of the Sons of Veterans and Auxiliary, the department president of the ladies of the G. A. R., a representative of the Spanish War Veterans, and Judge Walter P. Smith, Mrs. Connie G. Cocklin of Rutland will sing and a feature of the program will be the presentation of a beautiful silk flag to St. Johnsbury Academy by Mrs. Harriet Sleeper, department patriotic instructor of the W. R. C. The flag will be accepted by Martin G. Benedict, principal of the academy.

PAYS \$500 FOR A BEATING

English Amateur Boxer Wanted to Have Bout with Carpenter

Paris, April 14.—George Mitchell, the amateur English boxer, son of a Yorkshire manufacturer and nephew of Percy Hineworth, M. P., the chief Liberal whip, met Georges Carpentier, the French boxer, in a private bout tonight and lasted only 1 minute 43 seconds. He had been knocked down five times, and on four of these occasions he spent nine seconds on the floor. The fifth time he went down the referee pronounced the match over. Mitchell just fulfilled one of his ambitions, which was to beat Bombardier Wells's record of standing up before the French champion for 63 seconds. Mitchell weighs 180 pounds and is over six feet tall.

The match was held in a private gymnasium in the Latin Quarter. The match was a strictly private affair, but some well-known sporting men were present, among them being Tristram Bernard, the dramatist; Eddie McGraw, the Marquis de Polignac, Leon Barthou, James de Rothschild and the American jockeys, O'Neil and O'Connor.

Some time ago a business friend of Mitchell's who lives at Reims suggested that the English amateur might like to meet Carpentier. Mitchell said he would, not thinking that the proposal made by his friend was a serious one. The latter made the arrangements, however, and a fortnight ago wired Mitchell that the match had been arranged and that he was to pay Carpentier \$500 in addition to the latter's expenses. The only thing Mitchell said to show for his money are a black eye and a cut lip.

WEATHER FORECAST

For eastern New York and western Vermont: rain tonight, Thursday cloudy, probably local rains, moderate to fresh northeast to north gales.

UNIONS WILL NOT APPROVE OF NEW TRUST BILL

Organized Labor Must Obey Provisions of Sherman Law

LEADERS DEMAND EXEMPTION

Measure Curb Court Injunctions and Put Ban Upon Interlocking Directorates

Washington, April 14.—A more definite idea of the Administration's program for trust legislation was obtainable tonight when Representative Henry D. Clayton of Alabama, chairman of the house judiciary committee, made public the revised Anti-Trust bill. It links the anti-trust question with that of union labor.

The new bill was introduced in the House today by Judge Clayton and was referred to the judiciary committee, which will begin to consider the measure, section by section, on Thursday. Leaders say it will be reported to the House within ten days. The new bill takes the place of the four measures introduced some time ago, which were the basis of hearings by the judiciary committee.

The revised bill prohibits interlocking directorates, holding companies, and certain trade practices, suggests some new Sherman law definitions, though not as many as were originally proposed, and contains new provisions fixing the status of labor unions under the law and limiting the power of Federal courts in the issuance of injunctions and providing for jury trials in cases of indirect contempt of court.

These labor features of the bill stand out prominently in the revised measure, and the Administration is anxious to have them passed as part of its trust program. The injunction provisions follow the lines of the Clayton bill, which passed the House in the Sixty-second Congress. The provision for jury trials in cases of indirect contempt is also based on the Clayton contempt bill, which the House passed in the last Congress.

The holding company bill, as originally introduced, has been somewhat modified and incorporated in the new trust bill. There has also been a restriction of the original scope of the interlocking directorates bill. The original measure prohibited interlocking directorates between banks regardless of their capitalization. The revised provision now proposes to exempt banks with resources of less than \$2,500,000 from the interlocking directorate prohibition.

The sixth section, dealing with the status of labor unions under the Sherman law, will probably not satisfy the labor leaders and agitators. They were in favor of the Bacon-Bartlett bill exempting unions from the Sherman law. This has been sidetracked in the new trust bill, which, however, does provide that nothing in the anti-trust laws shall be construed as forbidding the existence and operation of labor and similar organizations or forbidding or restraining individual members of such orders from carrying out the legitimate objects of such associations.

A. ROOSEVELT BOOM LAUNCHED

Colonel Coming Back Sooner Than Planned

New York, April 14.—Colonel Roosevelt is said to have sent word from the jungles of South America to Bull Moose leaders in New York state that he will abandon his projected European trip to attend the wedding of his son Kermit in Madrid early in June and come right back to this country when he emerges from the fastnesses. This, it is calculated, would bring him here about the middle of May.

Theodore Douglas Robinson, the Colonel's nephew, who is Chairman of the Bull Moose state committee, went to Europe several weeks ago, expecting to meet Colonel Roosevelt there and to give him the latest political information from this country. Chairman Robinson has sent word that he may be expected home in New York on the Mauretania on April 24.

In the meantime, Vice Chairman, O. B. Phillips of Lewis County is holding the fort in Progressive state headquarters in Washington Square. Acting Chairman Phillips has received hundreds of letters daily for weeks urging the nomination of Colonel Roosevelt for Governor. He said yesterday that it all depended on the Colonel.

GEN LEE'S GRANDSON DROPPED

Discharged From West Point for Deficiency in Mathematics

Newburgh, April 14.—Robert E. Lee of North Carolina is among the West Point cadets just discharged from the United States military academy for deficiency in mathematical examinations. Lee is a grandson of Gen. Robert E. Lee and was the star shortstop and batter on the baseball team.

STEEL MEN TO CUT WAGES

Say Increase in Railroad Rates Would Force Step

Pittsburgh, April 14.—Five of the larger independent steel companies decided at a conference held in Pittsburgh last week to reduce wages.

The scheduled reductions were not made public for two announced reasons: Foreign competition, which under the new tariff enables manufacturers abroad to compete with manufacturers in the Pittsburgh district for the seaport trade, may not make the reductions necessary as railroad rates now stand, but that if the requested 5 per cent advance is granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission, then both this and the lower tariff schedules will make it necessary to cut wages in the mills.

The principal competitor of the United States Steel Corporation, Jones & Laughlin, represented by Willis King; the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company, Lackawanna Steel Company, Cambria Steel Company and Pottlanger Brothers took part in the conference. Combined they employ 50,000 men.

A MILLION FOR HACKETT

Actor Will Inherit Entire Estate of Minnie Trowbridge

New York, April 15.—Surrogate Cobban issued yesterday letters testamentary in the estate of Mrs. Minnie Hackett Trowbridge, a niece of James K. Hackett, the actor, who receives practically the entire property valued at about \$1,000,000. The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company is the executor.

Mrs. Trowbridge provided specifically that Hackett was not to receive any part of her estate. She left the bulk of her property to her husband, Francis Emory Trowbridge. He died first, and as there was no contingent legatee mentioned, Hackett, as the next of kin, became entitled to the estate, despite the wishes of Mrs. Trowbridge. A. Oakley Hall, a cousin of Mrs. Trowbridge filed a contest of the will, but withdrew his objections because there was no prospect of proving his allegations. The executor has a peer in which to distribute the property.

FRAM RECALLED

Amundsen Expedition is Postponed—Hard to Raise Cash

Christiania, Norway, April 14.—Official announcement today of the postponement for a year of Capt. Roald Amundsen's expedition to the North Pole regions confirms Washington reports to that effect. The Fram has been recalled to Christiania and explorers are inclined to believe the expedition will never be carried out, as difficulty is sure to be experienced in raising the extra \$200,000 necessitated by the delay.

Since Peary reached the North Pole and Amundsen the South Pole public interest in such expeditions appears to have waned and it is assumed that it will not be possible to raise the money by subscription.

TO ADVISE STOWE FARMERS

R. L. Chaffee Has Been Engaged for Part of the Summer

Stowe, April 14.—The board of school directors have engaged R. L. Chaffee, who has had charge of the Stowe high school agricultural department during the year, to remain in Stowe during the summer with the exception of a four weeks' vacation. Mr. Chaffee will be at the service of the farmers in Stowe and will be glad to be called upon for any aid that he can render. In connection with his school work last week Mr. Chaffee tested 21 samples of milk, one of skim milk and one of cream.

To stimulate an interest in agriculture among the high graded schools, C. L. McMahon is offering to give the use of an eighth of an acre of ground and the required fertilizers to each pupil who will undertake to cultivate it, the pupil to select his own crop and to do all the work, including the marketing of the products. Mr. McMahon also offers a prize to the one who receives the most money for the crop raised on his plot of ground. Mr. Chaffee will have charge of measuring the ground and of the details of the work. Mr. McMahon will furnish the land on his West Branch farm. A spray pump has been purchased for the use of the agricultural department for demonstration work on orchards, potatoes, etc.

PRESIDENT SENDS BIG NAVAL FORCE TO MEXICO

To Enforce Demand for Saute From Huerta

NO ULTIMATUM AS YET

Eleven Battleships and 15,000 Men Will Make a Demonstration Off Tampico

Hampton Roads, Va., April 15.—Admiral Rodger's fleet left here at 12.30 today for Tampico and Vera Cruz to enforce the American demand that the Mexican government make full and complete apology for the insult to this country in the arrest of American marines.

Admiral Rodger's fleet consists of the battleships Arkansas, Vermont, New Jersey and New Hampshire and the gunboat Yankton. The South Carolina, which is on the way from Hayti to this port, will join the fleet in the Florida straits if she can be reached by wireless in season.

Rear Admiral Rodger declared just before going aboard his flagship the Arkansas, that the fleet would be at Tampico Monday night or Tuesday morning. The Delaware which is undergoing repairs is left behind.

Washington, April 15.—No word of apology has come from President Huerta and while President Wilson has issued no formal statement he made his position clear to callers today that he will brook no further delay and that this will be no rose-water demonstration but prompt war unless Huerta takes action at once in reparation for the insult to this country.

In both branches of congress party lines are forgotten and Democrats, Republicans and Progressives are working together to back up the president and to see that nothing is lacking to make every move effective.

The promptness with which Admiral Rodger's fleet put to sea today is most gratifying to everybody and especially to those of each of the three parties who have labored for years to make the American navy effective in time of crisis.

Washington, April 14.—President Wilson today ordered practically the entire Atlantic fleet to Mexican waters to force a public salute to the Stars and Strips from the Huerta government as an apology for the arrest of American marines at Tampico last Thursday.

No ultimatum has been issued—that is, no specified time has been set within which the Huerta government must comply—but the naval demonstration has been ordered as a concrete evidence of the fixed determination of the United States to back up Rear Admiral Mayo's demand for a salute. Up to tonight Gen. Huerta had not made satisfactory response to that demand.

Future developments depend upon Huerta himself, was the way a high Administration official close to the President summarized the situation. The decision to send the fleet was reached after the President and Secretary Bryan had conferred for an hour with John Lind, personal representative of the President in Mexico, and after a two hours' cabinet meeting, during which dispatches from Charge O'Shaughnessy revealed that the Huerta government disputed the right of American marines to be ashore at Tampico, and contended that the recent public statement of apology was ample.

Immediately after the Cabinet meeting adjourned Secretary Daniels issued his order to the Atlantic fleet, and wireless messages flashed up and down the Atlantic coast to put the fleet under steam for Tampico. It will be the largest fighting force the American Government has assembled for possible action since the Spanish American war. Eleven great battleships with auxiliaries carrying in all about 15,000 men will comprise the force off Tampico.

High Administration officials do not expect critical developments, but they are prepared for any emergency. Secretary Bryan, who is ill, had intended to leave tonight for Miami, Fla. He cancelled his reservation and announced he would stay in Washington indefinitely. Senator Shively, acting chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, had a long conference with Mr. Bryan and called at the White House as well. He said that at the regular meeting of the committee tomorrow he would transmit all the information he had obtained today.

WIND UNROOFED HOUSE

And Carried Roof About 50 Feet Against Barn

Essex Junction, April 14.—The house on upper Main street owned by W. E. Flynn and occupied by Edward Liberty, who recently moved here from Williston, was partly unroofed shortly before three o'clock Sunday afternoon by the high wind. Members of Mr. Liberty's family heard a crashing noise and looked out expecting to find a neighboring house laid low, but instead it was discovered that nearly one-half of the roof on the main part of the house had been blown away. It landed some 50 feet distant, coming in contact with the corner of the barn, which it damaged somewhat. The opposite side of the roof was weakened and had the wind continued blowing the entire roof would have gone.

Legislative Decorum

The Massachusetts house of representatives has been taken seriously to task by Speaker Cushing on more than one occasion of late because of the lack of decorum and the evident inability of many members to understand that they are engaged in a serious and important business and should leave behind them the methods of silly and petulant school children. As the speaker has the support of the press in administering the rebuke it seems that he must have been justified. The transgressions of the Massachusetts house call to mind the fact that the Vermont legislature has established an enviable reputation for the way it conducts its business. Congressman Frank L. Greene in a public talk last November contrasted the Vermont house with the national House and gave the prize to Vermont. He said that for decorum we were far ahead of the national House of Representatives and declared that no member would dare to carry on before Speaker Plimley or Frank Howe the way Congressmen had had the opportunity to see the same time, stated that a mar Clark George Gregory Smith, a seaman carry on before Speaker legislative bodies of many states and nations in action told him that there was no legislative body in the world that conducted its business with the decorum that characterized the house and senate at Montpelier. And newspaper men know that it is very seldom that the lawmakers of Vermont overstep the bounds of what is considered proper conduct. Once in a while it may happen but the rebuke is certain and sharp. It is a reputation that is well worth retaining, and no doubt future speakers and legislators will keep this fact in mind.—St. Albans Messenger.

Assistant Paymaster Charles C. Copp and a boatload of marines landed at Tampico last Thursday to obtain supplies. They were arrested, but later discharged. In accordance with regulations in all navies of the world, Rear Admiral Mayo, on considering that an unwarranted arrest had been made, and that the uniform of the American navy had been disregarded, demanded reparation in the form of a salute of 21 guns. The American flag, while not taken ashore, was flying at the stern of the whaleboat and all the marines were, in uniform. Rear Admiral Mayo allowed the Huerta commander until 6 o'clock that evening to fire a salute, but later extended the time, in order to afford the local commander an opportunity to communicate with his superior officers in Mexico City. A statement of apology was issued in Mexico City by Gen. Huerta and the local officer who arrested the marines was ordered punished.

This did not satisfy the United States government and the salute was insisted upon. Gen. Huerta himself at no time agreed to comply, but an under secretary in the Mexican Foreign Office did inquire of Charge O'Shaughnessy if a salute fired to the American ship would be acceptable. This was emphatically rejected by the United States and word was sent that nothing short of a public salute to the American flag would be satisfactory.

This was the situation laid before the Cabinet today by the President. There was a disposition on the part of some Administration officials to wait for more facts and do nothing until an investigation had been completed. Others suggested Huerta would evade the issue and delay and that prompt and vigorous action was necessary. John Lind, it is understood, had in his conference with the President and Secretary Bryan, counselled a forceful move. For two hours the Cabinet discussed the pros and cons and the possible consequences of drastic action and the plan of sending the fleet as a warning to Huerta of the lengths to which the Washington government was prepared to go to enforce its policy was unanimously adopted. There was no previous intimation that the naval demonstration would be ordered, but this as well as other moves had been discussed on many an occasion in the past.

OPENING BATTLES ON BIG LEAGUE DIAMONDS

Royal 'endoff for National Game in Major Circuits

GOOD CROWDS AT EVERY PARK

Indications That Federals Have Brought About Increased Interest in the Game

Old King Baseball was crowned yesterday in the American and National Leagues, fitting ceremonies marking the start of the annual campaigns in the two major circuits. Rarely has the national pastime been given such a sendoff as it received, brilliant play, large crowds and almost perfect weather conditions in most cases combining to make the day fitting for the beginning of the pennant races and make fan folk forget there is such a thing as the Federal League. Despite the raids of the outlaws during the winter months and the publicity the Federals have received, there was no indication that either the American or National circuits have lost any of their following. Opening day returns would seem to indicate otherwise, for good crowds were reported at all of the eight parks and interest in the clubs seems to be greater, if anything.

One shutout was recorded, one game went 13 innings and all eight games were played as per schedule. As if indicating that their preliminary training trips have been anything but satisfactory, both league champions lost their opening games. The world's champion, Athletics looked like a weak club against the New York team in the American League, while the National League pennant winners, the Giants of New York, failed to make much of an impression against the disrupted Phillies. Walter Johnson, pitching for the Washington Americans, gained credit for the only shutout of the day, this being reached in the game with the Boston Red Sox. The real thriller, however, was the 13-inning struggle between Detroit and St. Louis, the Tigers, thanks to Ty Cobb's daring work and a wonderful rally, pulling out with a 3 to 2 decision.

CITY TO SET OUT TREES

And Then Collect Pay from the Abutting Property Owners

Burlington, April 14.—The board of aldermen legislated along new lines last evening at the adjourned regular session. Among other things they ordered a line of shade trees planted on North avenue and empowered the park commissioners to collect pay for the same by assessing the abutting property owners. A first and second reading were given to a new ordinance to compel those who expose food for sale to screen and otherwise protect the same from flies and other contamination. Several appointments made by the mayor were received and confirmed.

The resolution about the shade trees directed the park commissioners to plant a row of trees on North avenue from Battery park to the north line of Lake View cemetery and provide suitable wire guards for the same and to assess the cost not to exceed \$1 per tree against the abutting property and to plant suitable trees in such other portions of the street as may be desirable and make like assessment. The resolution was adopted.

DEATH OF DANIEL MILLER

Former Resident of Bennington Passed Away in Brooklyn Tuesday

Daniel Miller, about 65 years old and for many years a resident of Bennington, died yesterday in Brooklyn of a complication of diseases. He was a carriage painter and worked at that trade while living here. With his wife and one son he moved to Brooklyn nearly 20 years ago. Another son, Buel D. Miller, resides in Bennington.

The funeral will be held in Brooklyn tomorrow and the burial will be in one of the cemeteries in that city.

Card of Thanks

We hereby wish to thank the neighbors and friends who so kindly assisted during our recent bereavement, the death of our mother, Mrs. Mary A. Dunn.
Mr. and Mrs. Burt Allen,
Mr. and Mrs. Van Tassel,